Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Generally it is the Sub-Inspector who cashes the bill and makes the payment to the constables.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Whether there was any delay after cashing the bill in the disbursement of the pay of the Policemen ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—That is a general question, and I want notice.

Sub-Inspector Mr. Vytheeswara Ayyar.

144. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following:—

(1) did the Trippunittura Sub-Inspector Mr. Vytheeswara Ayyar conduct the investigation of a case of murder of an Ezhava from Erur last year;

(2) were there any complaints from aggrieved parties at the time of investigation, that the conduct of the Sub-Inspector was suspicious; and did they request for investigation by another officer;

(3) how was that case finally disposed of by the court;

(4) were there any observations in the Judgment about the conduct of the Police Officer who investigated, if so, what are they ;

(5) was any punishment inflicted on Mr. Vytheeswara Ayyar on this account;

(6) did Mr. Vytheeswara Ayyar say in his explanation that the Judges of the Chief Court were wrong in deciding the case as they did and that his position was the correct one ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) Yes; he was responsible for the first two days' investigation of the case.

(2) No.

(3) The accused were acquitted by the Sessions Judge.

(4) Yes; that the investigation made by the Sub-Inspector at the time of the inquest and soon after was not as searching and thorough as it should have been.

(5) Yes.

(6) No.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—The answer to sub-division (2) is 'No.' Was there any telegram by certain Ezhava relations of the deceased persons from Erur in connection with that to the Commissioner of Police ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—At present I do not remember to have received any such telegram.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—What is the reason for transferring Mr. Vytheeswara Ayyar immediately after two days ?

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Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The transfer was already made before the occurrence. But it was carried into effect only after this.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Were any petitions received after the telegram ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I said no. The answer is there already.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Even after the case was disposed of by the District Court, did the Sub-Inspector maintain that it was a case of suicide ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Not exactly that. He might have suggested a theory. He never said that the High Court Judges were wrong.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Did he maintain still that it was a case of suicide when the Commissioner ordered him to furnish his explanation ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—He pointed out that the circumstances of the case might have been so.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—May I know whether it is a case of suicide ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Might be.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Did the Sub-Inspector maintain that it was a case of suicide when the Judges of the Chief Court said that it was a case of murder ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I cannot remember. I have not got a copy of the proceedings here.

145. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to answer:—

(1) did the Sub-Inspector Mr. Vytheeswara Ayyar investigate the case of a murder of an Ezhuva at Pullaipady, Ernakulam, very recently;

(2) how was that case finally disposed of by the Chief Court;

(3) is there any observation in the Judgment of that case, that instead of the Police Officers who proceeded for investigation to the scene, as soon as the information of the occurrence was received, if the Sub-Magistrate himself had gone there, the offenders would not have escaped the punishment of law;

(4) did the Government know that the offenders in that murder case happened to escape on account of the incompetent or inefficient or insincere investigation by the Police Officer;

(5) what is the time at which the offence took place;

(6) how far is the police station from the scene of occurrence;

(7) is the scene of occurrence inside the Municipal limits of the Town;

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